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THE case against Mr. D. G. J. Keet, who was charged by Mrs. E. C. Palmer-Baker with having struck her on the face with his closed fist on the evening on June 19, was dismissed in the M. Police Court yesterday when Mr. C. H. Haines, Registrar, found the defendant not guilty of the charge. Thus, the case of a couple of unneighbourly "neighbours" in Passage 316, Route Paul Legendre, was brought to a close.

In his summation, Mr. Haines said that he was struck by the fact that complainant was an excitable person and that it was possible that she had thought that she had been struck while she was struggling to close her garden gate on the defendant. The injury was of such a nature that it was quite possible that she could have been struck by the gate on its rebound. Mr. Haines referred to the evidence of complainant's amah in which witness had said that the mark was pink on the next morning.

Mrs. M. Cock was the first witness called yesterday and she testified that she was at Mrs. Palmer-Baker's home, together with Mrs. M. E. Paus, on June 19, leaving the house soon after the evening news broadcast at 8 p.m. Mrs. Palmer-Baker was perfectly well and happy when they left her.

As soon as she got home, however, Mrs. Cook received a telephone call from Mrs. Palmer-Baker, asking her to come back. The witness immediately telephoned Mrs. Paus and they returned. The plaintiff, according to witness, had her right cheek red and swollen.

Mrs. Paus testified that she and Mrs. Cock had tea with plaintiff and that they stayed there till a little after 8.15 p.m. There was nothing wrong with Mrs. Palmer-Parker's face when they left her. Mrs. Paus then took Mrs. Cock home.

A few minutes after her arrival at home, Mrs. Pius answered a telephone call from Mrs. Cock. She took out her car and fetched Mrs. Cock. Together they went to Mrs. Palmer Baker's home and witness noticed that the plaintiff's right cheek had blue marks and that she appeared pale and excited.

She then took plaintiff and Mrs. Cook to a police station and left her there.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hartog with regard to the marks, Mrs. Pears said she could not be sure whether the marks were red or blue since it was too dark to see. The marks, however, were definitely there, she added.

Defendant was next questioned by Mr. Kott. Questioned by Mr. Kott, defendant stated that he had been born in Chicago, Illinois, on April 10, 1928, at which time he was residing at 1716 West Lawrence Street, Chicago, Illinois.

He stated that he had been married to one Mary Ann Smith, nee Smith, on June 1, 1950, at which time they were residing at 1716 West Lawrence Street, Chicago, Illinois.

He stated that he had been employed as a driver for the Chicago Police Department from 1948 to 1950, at which time he was discharged due to poor health.

He stated that he had been unemployed since 1950, and that he had been receiving unemployment benefits from the State of Illinois.

He stated that he had no other income, and that he was unable to support himself or his family.

He stated that he had no other relatives, and that he was alone in the world.

He stated that he had no other friends, and that he was completely isolated.

He stated that he had no other interests, and that he was completely bored.

He stated that he had no other hobbies, and that he was completely idle.

He stated that he had no other activities, and that he was completely inactive.

He stated that he had no other plans, and that he was completely hopeless.

He stated that he had no other dreams, and that he was completely despairing.

He stated that he had no other goals, and that he was completely directionless.

He stated that he had no other aspirations, and that he was completely discouraged.

He stated that he had no other ambitions, and that he was completely demoralized.

He stated that he had no other hopes, and that he was completely despondent.

He stated that he had no other faith, and that he was completely disillusioned.

He stated that he had no other beliefs, and that he was completely disbelieving.

He stated that he had no other convictions, and that he was completely unconvinced.

He stated that he had no other principles, and that he was completely unprincipled.

He stated that he had no other values, and that he was completely valueless.

He stated that he had no other virtues, and that he was completely virtuousless.

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He stated that he had no other being, and that he was completely beingless.

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He stated that he had no other bestowed, and that he was completely bestowallessless

Seeing it was hopeless to continue, defendant released the door (perhaps a little too suddenly) and walked away. He then heard Mrs. Palmer-Baker come out, shouting "Now you've hit me, eh?" and "I'll call the police. I'll send you to prison."

Defendant saw her pointing to her right cheek and saw that it was smudged. After telling her that he did not hit her, the defendant turned away. A minute or so later, as he was proceeding to the tram stop near the I.S.S. Apartments in Avenue Joffre, he saw her running toward Route Loriaz, shouting in Chinese, "A foreigner hit me."

Cross-examined by plaintiff's lawyer, Mr. Keet stated that he knew that she did not want to see him or talk with him, having on previous occasions thrown his letters over the fence, but added that he had to settle the affair and that this was a good opportunity to do so. The trouble, it appeared, started over some alterations made to her house by Mrs. Palmer-Baker, which resulted in the back gate being continually open, leaving Mr. Keet's yard open to petty thieves.

Giving evidence in the afternoon, Mrs. Mary M. Keet corroborated much of what her husband had said. She had seen her husband trying to get a word with Mrs. Palmer-Baker; she had witnessed the episode at the gate; and later, after complainant had received her alleged assault, she had seen Mrs. Palmer-Baker swing open the gate and "spring out like a cat, livid in the face and malice in her eyes."

At this point, Mr. Haines interrupted, "I can't quite understand what you mean by 'sales' in New York."

Mrs. Keet explained: "The locked very, very wicked."

In giving his evidence, the witness stated that the defendant was a white male more than a year of age, five feet six inches tall, and under six hundred pounds. He was practically balding, had a mustache and a goatee, and was dressed in a dark suit, white shirt and dark tie. He also gave the name of the defendant's mother as Mrs. Mary Jane Smith.

"He Bit My Dog's Eye," Witness Sobs

Briton Faces Court For Assaulting Elderly Lady

Mr. D. G. J. Keet, Briton, was charged with assaulting and hitting Mrs. Evelyn Catherine Palmer-Baker, nearly in tears maintained her with a clenched fist by Registrar C. H. Haines in the British Police Court yesterday. Mr. Keet pleaded not guilty to the charge and the case was adjourned to Monday 10 a.m. pending medical evidence in connection with the alleged assault. Mr. Palmer-Baker, an elderly woman, claimed that Mr. Keet hit her with a clenched fist at 8.30 p.m. June 19, when, after escorting her friends out of her house, 316 Route Paul Legendre, House 3, she met Mr. Keet, who blamed her for not closing the gate of the lane and hit her on the right cheek with a clenched fist.

She further claimed that she rushed out to call a policeman, but as she could not find one, she went to the Avenue Petain Police Station, and then went to the Country Hospital where she obtained a medical certificate from Dr. Bowan.

Cross-examined by Mr. E. L. Hartopp, defense attorney, Mrs. Palmer-Baker admitted that in that lane there were three houses, owned by the occupants, and that the path between the houses was enclosed by a gate which was closed because of the numerous thefts in that district.

On the night of the alleged assault, Mr. Hartopp suggested, Mr. Keet met Mrs. Palmer-Baker and wanted to speak with her. Instead of answering, she walked past him and slammed her garden gate at him, and that it was not a punishment from Mr. Keet that bruised her face.

but that it was the gate when it bounced back on her. Mrs. Palmer-Baker, nearly in tears maintained that she was hit by the defendant. Mr. Hartopp hinted that relations between the two neighbors were strained, and told the complainant that in view of her state of nervousness she imagined that Mr. Keet had hit her, and asked her to reconsider her statements. Mrs. Palmer-Baker at this point openly cried, and in a choking voice said, "I have been ill since Mr. Keet moved into the house next to mine."

Registrar Haines told Mrs. Palmer-Baker to rest, and five minutes later Mr. Hartopp resumed his cross-examination. At this point the complainant was beginning to get confused, and said that Mr. Keet kept bees, and that "he bit my dog in the eye". People in the courtroom chuckled.

"I understand that you keep a savage dog," Mr. Hartopp stated. "He is my Scotty, and I love him," Mrs. Palmer-Baker replied. Continuing Mrs. Palmer-Baker said, "Mr. Keet told the police on me, when I started building a new window."

Mrs. Palmer-Baker's aman testified that she saw a bruise of her employer's cheek, but stated that she did not see Mr. Keet hit her mistress. Before concluding, Registrar Haines told Mrs. Palmer-Baker that she could ask Dr. Bowan to testify for her, and adjourned the case to 10 a.m. Monday pending Dr. Bowan's testimony.

July 20

Briton Faces Assault Charge

A story of continual animosity between two next-door neighbours that finally led to an alleged assault was unfolded in H. M. Police Court yesterday before Registrar C. H. Haines when Mrs. E. C. Palmer-Baker filed a charge of assault against Mr. D. G. J. Keet, accusing the latter of having struck her on the face with his closed fist. The assault was said to have taken place on the evening of June 19 at the entrance of the complainant's home in Passage 316, 3 Route Paul Legendre.

Mr. Haines adjourned the hearing to next Monday in order that the complainant may call in witnesses to provide medical evidence.

Throughout yesterday's session, the complainant, an elderly woman, showed signs of evident distress and, at one stage of the cross-examination by the defendant's counsel, she broke down into tears. Mrs. Palmer-Baker was not represented in court; she was unfamiliar with the routine of the court and on numerous occasions she had to be enlightened on matters of legal procedure by the Registrar. Defendant was represented by Mr. E. L. Hartopp and pleaded not guilty.

Long-Standing Friction

The two principals in yesterday's case were next-door neighbours in Passage 316 of 3 Route Paul Legendre and it was revealed in court that friction between the two parties had been of long standing. It was brought out that Mrs. Palmer-Baker and Mr. Keet had been at logger-heads on various matters; they had disagreed on the right of way to the passage; complainant had objected to the flowers of the defendant growing into her garden; she had also objected to Mr. Keet's placing several boxes of bees on their common fence; on the other hand, defendant had disapproved of

the gate to the passage being left opened; it was also the contention of the complainant that Mr. Keet had "told on her" when he informed the French police of her building operations which she had begun without obtaining permission.

It was this series of grievances which was said to have led to the assault that took place at about 8.20 on the evening of June 19. According to Mrs. Palmer-Baker's evidence, she had seen a couple of lady friends to the main gate of the passage. On the way back to her own house, Mr. Keet ran out of his house and shouted, "Why did you leave the gate open?" Complainant said she paid no notice to him as the gate was already closed.

Police Informed

Thereupon, as she entered her own gate and before she could bolt it, defendant forced open the gate and struck her on the right cheek. She telephoned the matter to the French Police and they took her to the Ste. Marie Hospital for treatment; she was later given a medical certificate by the Country Hospital.

In the cross-examination by Mr. Hartopp, the complainant denied that she had worked herself up after learning that Mr. Keet had informed the French Police of her building alterations and that her report of an assault was an imaginary one. She strongly denied that she was an unpleasant neighbour with: "It isn't true, it's the other way around!"

Only one witness was brought up in court yesterday. Mrs. Palmer-Baker bringing forward her Chinese ayah to testify. Witness could throw little light on the assault as she heard only the altercation from inside the house and when she had come out saw only her mistress trying to close the gate on the defendant. Witness declared that she saw a black mark on her employer's face—but it was on the left side.

The case was adjourned at this point without the defendant having yet been called to give his evidence.